CHRISTMAS
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Sunday 1 December 2019
All Saints Church, 2pm - 6pm (Switch-on at 4.30pm)
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Hear ye! Hear ye!

Letter from the Mayor...

I have had a really busy few months representing the residents of Elstree and Borehamwood at numerous events both in the town and in other areas locally and further afield. My mayoral year is flying by and I am still amazed by the work done in the community by unsung heroes who devote their time to good causes. On behalf of all of us, I would like to offer them my thanks and appreciation.

The Town Council has a number of events planned as I write this. I am really looking forward to Fireworks Night on 5 November at Meadow Park. This is the largest free fireworks display in the area and I am confident of a great display. This will be followed by the annual Christmas Switch-on at All Saints Church on Sunday 1 December. We are delighted that the actor Bob Barrett of Holby City fame will be turning on the lights for us. The Town Council also has Christmas coach trips planned for our senior citizens going to Canterbury and Rochester Christmas Markets.

I would also urge you to give generously to my charity the Peace Hospice when you see collectors at our events. The Peace Hospice gives wonderful care to members of our community when they are at their most vulnerable, and needs to raise around 80 pence in every pound it spends on caring for our loved ones.

On behalf of my family, fellow councillors and council officers, I would like to wish each and every resident of our town Seasons Greetings with a healthy, happy, successful and peaceful 2020.

Cllr Simon Rubner
Mayor of Elstree and Borehamwood
For Mayoral enquiries please call the Mayor’s Secretary on 020 8207 1382

Season’s Greetings and a Happy Christmas to all our readers from the Town Council and Town Crier Editorial Team.

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Fireworks Night
5 November

On Tuesday 5 November 2019 the Town Council held its annual free fireworks display in Meadow Park. The skies above Elstree & Borehamwood lit up in a bright and colourful pyrotechnic show set to music from The Greatest Showman.

Around 6,000 spectators showed up to see the display in which fireworks were set to the soundtrack which included A Million Dreams, Rewrite the Stars and the hit single This is Me.

The event also marked the 30th year of the Town Council’s free display in Meadow Park. The Town Council Entertainments Officer Dan Salter said “It’s great that we can still put on a professional show free of charge for the community, and hopefully doing a show like this will prevent any accidents that could happen if it was done at home. “We wouldn’t be able to put on an event like this if wasn’t for the support of Hertsmere Borough Council in letting us use the park and Boreham Wood Football Club in turning off its lights during the display”.

With Thanks to Hertsmere Borough Council and Boreham Wood Football Club
It’s been a bumper year on our allotment plots, with plot holders harvesting lots of lovely, healthy fresh fruit and vegetables as rewards for all their hard work and dedication. At this time of year we like to reward people for their efforts over the preceding months.

**Allotment Trophy Winners 2019**

**Melrose Avenue**

The Tom Cunningham Award for **Best Neighbour** goes to Bill Shelley – Bill has unstintingly helped new and inexperienced plotholders until they have found their feet. Thanks for your care Bill!

Special mention is also made of Harry Beyzade who helped his neighbour Dave after he had a bike accident. Harry kept the weeds at bay and watered when necessary. Sometimes we all need a little helping hand.

A one-off **Most Decorative** award goes to Dave Buck who has put tremendous effort into growing flowers using an array of recycled containers.

The Neil Mapp Cup for **Most Produce** goes to Mr and Mrs Chiu and their son who have amazed the judges with their use of space. The plot is packed with produce planted in the complementary planting style. The Chinese ‘Shark’s Fin’ squashes were particularly impressive.

The John Clarke Cup for **Best Newcomer** goes to Mrs Lopatin who has worked tirelessly to produce a tidy and fully cultivated plot with an excellent variety of fruit and vegetables. She is also a widely appreciated member of the allotment community.

The Alf Warman Cup for **Best Plot** goes to brothers Max and Jack Taylor who eat, talk and dream all things allotments. Their compact plot ticks all the boxes in terms of being tidy and cultivated and has purposeful wilding for insects and creatures, including a hidden pond for frogs.

**Allum Lane Allotments**

The **Best Kept Plot** trophy goes to Alf Lawrence who spends most days on his plot, which is always immaculate and well cultivated. He also helps others with their plots. Alf is an asset to the whole allotment community.

The **Best Grown** trophy goes to Mr and Mr Leith who promote “small is beautiful” on their immaculately tended plot, producing healthy and vibrant looking fruit and vegetables on their raised beds.

The **Best Newcomer** trophy goes to Lewis Lindsay. Lewis took on a large plot which needed a lot of care and attention. In a short space of time he has a lovely array of crops and flowers.

We also have a new thriving allotment community at Stapleton Road, Borehamwood.

Will Goddard & Anne Nicodemus

*If you are interested in renting an allotment plot from Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council please call 020 8207 1382 or email warden@elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk*
Wunderbar!

That was the unanimous verdict on this year’s town twinning visit to Germany.

BETTA, our local twinning association, took ten local residents to the Wine Festival in Offenburg, the gateway to the lovely Black Forest.

As guests of the new mayor, Herr Marco Streffens, the visitors attended a fabulous summit dinner, which included representatives from all of Offenburg’s twin towns throughout Europe. Top-notch entertainment and moving speeches celebrated the essential unity of Europe, which will continue despite any temporary political disruption.

If any Town Crier readers remember being taught by Miss Stapleton in the Furzehill School of the 1970s, she sends her best wishes. Now married to a Frenchman, she lives in Offenburg’s French twin town. What a coincidence!

Other highlights of the visit were the opening of a major cultural exhibition and a guided tour of the impressive Krone brewery.

We offer this Offenburg trip every year and it is a truly great experience every time. Come and join us next year!”

Martine H Eni
BETTA’s chairman

The Spector Bench

As part of its programme of upgrading our public benches, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council has provided a replacement for the memorial seat at Parkfields which commemorates Jack and Lilian Spector, former residents of Grange Road.

The condition of the original wooden bench was deteriorating, so the new one is made of recycled plastic which should last indefinitely. The seat is next to Jack’s Copse, a group of trees planted by his daughters. In his professional life, Jack Spector was an accomplished linguist who worked for international organisations such as UNESCO. In retirement, he was active in the public life of our town as an energetic champion of pensioners’ rights.

John Cartledge
Growing and learning together at St Teresa’s

Our pupils have been learning about Caring Friendships and Respectful Relationships, in line with new Department of Education guidance. The school is also spending time teaching our children about looking after their mental health and the whole school took part in wellbeing activities on Thursday 10 October to celebrate World Mental Health Day.

At St Teresa’s we are also reviewing our curriculum, to further develop our pupils’ knowledge and skills through a wide range of subjects. e.g. to support their science learning, our Key Stage 1 pupils had an Animal Day with a chance to see different animals close up and learn about their habitats. On this day the children came to school dressed as an animal and presented a small speech about why they chose their animal.

The whole school is also having road safety training, delivered by the Gist Child Road Safety Programme instructors to ensure our pupils stay safe while crossing roads.

This year we are also working to raise our pupils’ aspirations for the future by holding Dream Catcher days. We are looking for help with this. The Dream Catcher days will give the children a chance to hear and learn about different professions and the skills and/or studying needed to do these different jobs. We want to inspire our pupils and give them ideas for their future careers. Therefore we are asking our parents, past pupils and our local community to help with this. If you are willing to come into our school and speak to a class or larger group about your job and how you trained for this role, please contact the school office (admin@stteresas.herts.sch.uk) to discuss this further. We would especially like past pupils to come back and speak with the children, so please spread the word.

Finally, thank you to the Friends’ of St Teresa’s who organised our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27 September. We raised a fantastic £400 for this worthy cause.

Ms Teresa McBride
Head Teacher St Teresa’s Catholic Primary School
It’s been a busy and exciting start to the autumn term at Woodlands Primary School. We have welcomed Mrs Woodcock to the team and are all working hard to ensure that the children achieve the best that they can.

**Values**

We have worked with all stakeholders to develop our core values at Woodlands. We strive for children to be positive, kind, ambitious, confident, passionate and curious learners. This term the children are working hard to make positive choices and to be kind.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We recently held a coffee and cake morning to raise money for this great charity. Our site manager, Mr Baines, did a fantastic job in organising the event for the community. He managed to raise £205 – thank you!

**Karren’s Kitchen**

In memory of our much loved nursery nurse, Karren Skipsey, we have installed a brand new mud kitchen area for the children to enjoy. Karren was passionate about the children learning through hands-on, practical, fun activities and had already established a ‘bug hotel’ in the area. The children are enjoying donning aprons and wellington boots to prepare their own muddy culinary dishes!

**Terracotta Army**

Youlin and Molin were lucky enough to enjoy a visit to China over the summer holidays, developing their cultural knowledge of the history of the Terracotta Army. They were kind enough to bring a model set of the army for the school to use as a resource. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**Reading Challenge**

Over the summer holidays, many of the children took part in the local reading challenge. Ms Finney was very pleased to hand out a huge number of certificates to all of those who took part in the challenge. Well done all!

**Playgroup and Nursery**

We currently have spaces in our nursery and playgroup for immediate start. Please feel free to call the school to come and visit if you are looking for child care for your child.

Miss Rebecca Woode
Head Teacher
St Nicholas Primary School

Oak, Sycamore & Willow trip to Batchworth Canal
Key Stage 2 trip to Batchworth Lock
- Trip down the canal on a barge
- Opened and closed the locks to let the boat through
- Learnt about life living on the canals in Victorian times

Sycamore class had a fantastic day at Batchworth Canal. They learnt what it was like for a family of six to live in a small narrow boat, had a boat trip up the canal, and operated the locks. They also learnt about jobs and chores that Victorians did and played with Victorian toys.

Ash, Beech & Fir trip to Chilltern Open Air Museum
Ash, Beech & Fir classes had a fantastic time at Chiltern Open Air Museum exploring all the different houses and building shelters in the woods.
Meryfield Primary School

We have had a busy start to the term with our Year 3 classes spending the day at Celtic Harmony, a true to life Celtic settlement, where the children enjoyed a day full of exploring how life would have been living in that era.

Our harvest festival celebrations were a huge success; with a celebration assembly for both key stages and our foundation stage. Parents and carers were entertained with beautiful singing, poetry and readings from the children. The school collected a huge amount of food for the local food banks.

Our postponed “summer festival” was a big success despite the weather. The Friends of Meryfield raised over £2000 and everyone had a fantastic time.

Jessica Bigland

Ofsted – what does it do for us?

Keeping children safe is the top priority of schools. Twenty-five years ago, my boss told me to remember that parents relied on us to make sure that schools were safe places. Parents, she said, expected children to come home with all the bits they went with.

Many people see the purpose of Ofsted as being to check up on the quality of education, but this comes second to safety. Even if the outcomes of teaching and the childrens’ progress are great the school will not get a good grade if the school is not a safe place.

I recall a well-known grammar school, where it was found that the science department was knowingly using carcinogenic chemicals including formaldehyde and carbon tetrachloride. The same school had no instructions in the rooms as what to do if there was a fire. On the first day of an inspection at another well-known secondary school, the inspectors went away because the school did not have a secure perimeter. None of us want schools and the children to come to harm, as in Dunblane when Thomas Hamilton was able just to walk in and shoot 16 children and a teacher.

To become a governor, first of all you have to have a check to make sure that you do not have a criminal record of interfering with children. Ofsted checks up on this and on records of all members of staff. This came about after the Soham murders in Cambridgeshire. Two ten-year-old girls, Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, were murdered by Keith Pryer, a school caretaker. He had been known to have been engaged with underage girls and this would have been made clear if his references had ever been taken up.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor contact your local school or go to the website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/volunteering/schools-and-youth-work/school-governor/volunteer-as-a-school-governor.aspx

Or email me at geoff.strack@ntlworld.com

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Students at Elstree UTC are celebrating another successful year for Level 3 results, both in our technical specialist subjects and at A Level. We are super proud of them.

99% of EUTC students have graduated with Level 3 achievements at the end of year 13, with some of the following stand out performances:

- E. Rodericks - A*, A, Distinction*
- M. Frackowiak - Distinction*, A, B
- L. Archer - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- A. Choudhrey - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- A. Flanagan - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- R. Gillard - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- S. Josephides - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- J. Kramer - Distinction*, Distinction*, Distinction*
- T. Rinkoff - Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction
- A. Agard - Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction

As a University Technical College with a specialism in creative arts, multimedia and technical production, we are delighted to report that our professional and specialist qualification results were once again nationally superb. 80% of our students met or exceeded their targets in our specialist subjects (according to ALPs) with 84% of students achieving Distinction* to Merit (equivalent to A* to C grades). Some of our stand out specialist subject areas include:

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Across our whole curriculum, 73% of students achieved A* to C or Distinction* to Merit, which is once again up on last year. We are delighted that our results continue to improve.

We are proud that 60% of all students across the whole curriculum made expected or more than expected progress according to their ALPS Predictions, demonstrating excellent ‘value added’ progress made by students at Elstree UTC.

EUTC becomes an Ofsted ‘Good’ rated school

We are delighted to share that EUTC has been given a ‘Good’ rating from the Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. Ofsted noted that our “caring and supportive ethos helps pupils who have missed schooling to re-engage back into meaningful learning”. This is a wonderful high-note for the school and our pupils who have worked tirelessly to create a learning environment that fosters creativity and collaboration. The Ofsted report is full of incredible observations. View it on the school website at www.elstreeutc.co.uk/ofsted.
Theatre Kids, our locally run award-winning theatre school has been teaching the children of Borehamwood for 20 years now. We recently had our summer show at the Watford Palace Theatre.

We are not for profit and serve the entire community with the help of a grant from Tesco and donations from local councillors. 150 children from ages 4 to 19 performed to a packed audience. Our children are taught by West End professionals, with visiting choreographers from the X-Factor working with the children. Our past students have gone on to play lead roles in the West End, on television, in films and to have successful recording careers.

Jessica Bigland

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Elstree and Borehamwood NSPCC

After a busy and successful year, thanks to wonderfully generous donations, we will be holding our Annual Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday 17 November 2019 in Allum Hall Allum Lane Elstree WD6 3PJ.

The Fair opens at 10.30 am and runs till 3.30pm. There is a wide range of craft and gift stalls with games and activities for children. The Schools Art Exhibition is one of the main attractions. Primary schools in our area take part and contribute a lively and colourful display. Hertsmere MP. Oliver Dowden CBE, will hand out the prizes at 2pm.

Live music from Borehamwood Brass, Paul Lomax on electric guitar with other local musicians will give a cheerful ambience while refreshments are served all day including the legendary Chinese noodle lunches. The Mayor of Hertsmere Councillor Alan Plancey will be a Guest of Honour.

There is disabled access, and there is free, though somewhat limited, parking in Allum Manor. Parking is also available on nearby roads on Sundays and the station car park is close.

Do please come and buy your Christmas presents while supporting the NSPCC.

In Christmas week we will be collecting in Tesco, Borehamwood, on behalf of our wonderful supporters, Borehamwood Brass, to help with their annual Christmas donation to the NSPCC (18 - 24 December, from 6pm).

We send thanks and good wishes to all our helpers and supporters.

Ann Goddard
Elvis was alive and well and getting us all dancing at the Monday Club Older Folks Party on 7 October.

Sarah Donnelly warmed us up with exercises. Hazel and Christine had prepared an amazing buffet. Then Elvis entered the building in GI uniform even getting a backing group performing with him. The party was paid for by a £200 grant from Hertsmere Borough Council.

The Monday Club meets once a fortnight from 10 am to 12 noon at the hall behind Holy Cross Church, Warren Grove, Borehamwood WD6 2QU.

New members are welcome. A friendly atmosphere awaits. Contact sandra_parnell@sky.com, or 020 8953 0832.

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**DR96**

**Macmillan Party**

The Macmillan Party held at DR96 on September was a great success. 70 members and friends enjoyed tea, sandwiches and cake. The specially baked Macmillan cake was fantastic. A raffle raised £450 for a very good cause. Party time with Wayne. Thank you to Brenda and her helpers for organising it.

**Old Folks River Trip**

Hertsmere Borough Council Older Folks’ week grant of £300 was put to good use by DR96 Outings Committee. A coach was hired to take 33 members to Westminster to catch the riverboat along the Thames to Greenwich. The sights and sounds of the river never cease to amaze us. The historical commentary reminded us of what a part in world history London plays.

Time to explore Greenwich Market, the Maritime Museum, the Observatory, the Planetarium, or stand on the Greenwich meridian. The return trip on the boat gave us time to relax and recover.

24 members have booked Turkey and Tinsel in Norfolk for a week in November.

Trips are planned to see the lights at Kew Gardens in December. New members are always welcome. We meet every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon at 96 Shenley Rd., Borehamwood, WD6 1EB. Each week there is bingo, a quiz and entertainment or exercises. We have a range of speakers from time to time.

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**Marion Nolan Tesco Community Champion**

Marion Nolan, our very own Tesco Community Champion, was nominated for a special award from among 20,000 colleagues.

Marion was one of 200 to be nominated. The award was to celebrate 100 years of Great Tesco Colleagues, who have worked over and above the call of duty and contributed to the success of Tesco stores. Marion was invited to attend an award ceremony at Tesco HQ, Heart Building at Welwyn Garden City on Thursday 3 October. She took her sister who has worked at Bury St Edmunds store for over 21 years.

Attendees met the incoming and outgoing Chief Executive Officers. They could sample food from different decades. A goodie bag was presented as a memento along with the certificate.

Marion works hard in our community, supporting many clubs both by helping personally and providing a range of Tesco products. DR96, Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club the Tuesday Drop In, the Monday Club, the VIC and Studios Rotary Club all benefit from her cool calm manner.

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**EBDC Older Folks Week**

On Tuesday 1 October Studios Rotary Club members and friends arranged a party for Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club with a £300 grant from Hertsmere Borough Council for Older Folks week.

50 members friends and guests enjoyed exercises, then afternoon tea. James Bernard entertained us with a variety of Rat Pack tunes. All enjoyed the music and dancing. Michael Capocci sang for us. It was a fantastic afternoon. Yvonne Harris made the table decorations that were raffled.

Bev from Forest Care wrote to everyone at Fairway Hall. “Thank you for the party we had last week at the club. There was a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The flower arrangements that were made for the draw were beautifully done, not to forget the gorgeous cake. The singer that came to the party was very good; it was lovely to see everyone getting up and dancing. I thought it was absolutely lovely where the singer sang one line to a song then a young man sang after him.”
Opened in 1986, Fairway Hall was built for Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council as a community hall.

It is located close to the town centre, with adjoining car parking (20 spaces).

The hall is constructed to a premium standard with full central heating, cloakroom and toilet facilities (including one specifically for disabled use).

It was designed to meet all safety requirements and is licenced for music and dance.

Great care was taken in the planning of Fairway Hall. The timber arched roof gives the feeling of space and height whilst maintaining a cosy and clean atmosphere.

The sprung maple floor is ideal for fun and professional dancing.

A bar area and a new fully equipped kitchen fitted in August 2019, provide everything that is needed for that special event.

The hall features a small stage with an adjoining dressing-room.

Fairway Hall is available for hire, including Sundays, by private individuals, commercial concerns, clubs and organisations.

Maximum capacities are:

- 80 persons for sit down dinners
- 100 persons for parties
- 120 for theatre seating in rows

Rates of hire are based on a competitive hourly rate with discounts available for local charities and for block bookings (see website for current prices).

Fairway Hall is the ideal venue for:

- Children’s and Teenage Parties
- Wedding Receptions
- Social Evenings
- Funerals and Wakes
- Religious Groups
- Keep Fit Classes
- Yoga
- Film Screenings
- Theatre Shows
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- Bat Mitzvahs
- Indian Weddings
- Concerts
- Martial Arts Classes
- Dance and Ballet Classes
- and many more activities.

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Located in the centre of Borehamwood, Fairway Hall is the perfect venue for your events.
Energising Meadow Park band stand in 2020 for Hertfordshire Year of Culture

The partners working towards a permanent band stand project in Meadow Park have been meeting to take the project forward. The partners are Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Hertsmere Borough Council and both Rotary Clubs in the Town: Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club and the Studios Rotary Club.

A space in the park has been identified. Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) installed the electrical point and built a horseshoe mound to define the space. HBC will put down the hard standing as soon as the design is approved.

The bandstand project committee, consisting of members of both Rotary Clubs in the town, organised four successful Brass Band concerts in the summer of 2019.

The bands that took part in this year’s season included Potters Bar Town Band, Borehamwood Brass, Hemel Hempstead Band, and Welwyn Garden City Band. They were supported by Writers in the Wood, Hertsmere Acoustic Club and the U3A ukulele band.

Plans to extend the genre of musical concerts and performances in the park during 2020, as part of the Hertfordshire Year of Culture are being discussed. With 60s 70s 80s, soul rock, jazz music and performances from around the world being presented.

Elstree Mozart Players

‘Concerts in the Wood' 2019 Autumn Season

Elstree Mozart Players, led by Lucy Cumming and conducted by Derek Holland, performed two concerts during this autumn.

The first was an ‘English Light Classics Concert’ held at All Saints Church in Borehamwood on Sunday 6 October 2019. The thirty-eight-piece world class orchestra performed a concert of English Light Classics, a favourite of the resident musical director Derek Holland. The concert included such favourites as The Knightsbridge March, Elizabethan Serenade, In a Monastery Garden, Westminster Waltz, and many more. The concert was organised in conjunction with Rev. Tim Warr, Vicar of All Saints Church. Funds were raised for ‘The Children’s Society’.

The next concert was held on Saturday 9 November 2019, at Allum Hall and Manor, and featured Janice Watson, the international opera singer, in this year’s ‘Classical Extravaganza’ concert. The world class orchestra were enhanced by members of Borehamwood Brass, and was organised in association with the Studio’s Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood. The concert featured works of Rossini—The Thieving Magpie Overture, Elgar—Pomp and Circumstance March, Sea Pictures and Lehar Arias—soloist Janice Watson, Verdi—Grand March from Aida, Delius—La Calinda, plus works by Bizet and Delibes.

For anyone requiring more information about the orchestra, or are interested in becoming a Patron of the Orchestra, then please contact either: Pat Strack on 020 8386 3151 or Andrew Grady on 07802 736628.

Or email elstreemozartplayers@outlook.com

Andrew Grady
Borehamwood Brass Christmas 2019

Borehamwood Brass, your local community band, performs a wide musical repertoire on the standard set of brass band instruments.

On Saturday 9 November, some members of the band performed in a concert with Elstree Mozart Players at Allum Hall & Manor, in the second ‘Classical Extravaganza Concert’ organised in conjunction with The Studios Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood.

The band played at the cenotaph in Edgware on Remembrance Sunday, 10 November.

In addition, the principal cornet player and band secretary, Andrew Grady sounded the Last Post and Reveille at Borehamwood cenotaph, remembering all who made the ‘supreme sacrifice’ in conflicts around the world.

On Sunday 17 November a group of the band performed at the NSPCC Craft Fayre at Allum Manor, opening the proceedings with a fanfare to herald the opening ceremony for the day-long event organised by Dr Ann Goddard.

During the festive period the band will be at numerous different events in and around the area, bringing some ‘Christmas Cheer’ to all.

You can also hear the band on:

**Sunday 1 December** - Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Christmas Lights Switch-on.

**Friday 13 December** - St Marks Church, 56 Potters Road, Barnet, EN5 5HY, 8pm - 10pm.

The week before Christmas, the band will be playing Christmas carols at Tesco raising some money for its recognised charity the NSPCC. The group will be playing Christmas carols throughout the area over the festive period, so look out for it in your local community.

The band meets most Friday nights in the Holy Cross Church Hall in Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QT, from 8pm to 10pm.

It welcomes all ages to join the band, mainly people who can play a brass instrument, but anyone wishing to join must have some musical experience or have taken some musical examinations.

Andrew Grady

For more information on Borehamwood Brass, and how to join, look at the band website or Facebook page, or contact Andrew Grady on 07802 736628, email borehamwoodbrass@hotmail.com

Hertsmere TV and Writers in the Wood

Hertsmere TV is absolutely delighted to have started production following its successful launch in February.

As an online community television channel, our objective is to keep Hertsmere residents informed about all things Hertsmere from community events, sports and entertainment to current affairs, health and wellbeing.

We’ve been quietly developing partnerships. One we are very proud of is our relationship with Writers in The Wood, as well as our involvement with the Diversity Festival. We were there in 2018 and hope to be there again in 2019.

We’ve got loads planned over the next few months and we hope to keep everyone informed and engaged.

For more information, please visit our website www.hertsmere-tv.co.uk. To get involved, email co-director Bidemi Alabi at contact@hertsmere-tv.co.uk. For Writers In The Wood please contact Lorraine.Reed@live.co.uk.
Remembering our loved ones is so important, especially as we approach Christmas time.

Peace Hospice Care’s Lights of Love ceremony, which takes place on Tuesday 10 December outside Watford Town Hall, from 7pm, is a one way you can do this. This event is for all in the community - there will be carols, readings and the chance to dedicate a light as the Lights of Love tree is switched on.

The charity is also inviting the community to write a dedication message for a loved one which will be displayed in Watford Town Hall during the ceremony. It is also possible to give a gift in honour of a loved one. These gifts allow the Hospice to fund its free services and provide care for local families through the most difficult times.

This year, the Lights of Love tree will be switched on by Jason Angold, in memory of his late wife, Pauline, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. In 2018, Pauline came to the Hospice. Jason said: “Pauline arrived at the Inpatient Unit and immediately we all felt cared for and understood. Nothing was too much to ask. As soon as you walk through the door, the privacy offered and the environment – it felt like an extended family, like people really cared – and I felt cared for too. It’s difficult to put into words. The experience was the best it could have been – I couldn’t fault it. To this day, I wish we’d been involved with the Hospice sooner.”

To find out more about the ceremony, to send a dedication message, or to give a gift in remembrance, please see: peacehospicecare.org.uk/event/lights-of-love/, email: fundraising@peacehospicecare.org.uk, or call: 01923 330 349.

Knit-ivity
Knit as many Christmas puddings, snowmen and robins as you can to donate to the Knit-ivity Christmas fundraiser.
Throughout December.
For more information, call: 01923 335 371 or email: fundraising@peacehospicecare.org.uk

Lights of Love
Remembrance ceremony for the whole community.
10 December, 7pm. Outside Watford Town Hall.
For more information, call: 01923 330 349 or email: fundraising@peacehospicecare.org.uk

£s for lbs starts
Discover how to change your weight, wellness and wellbeing for the better in just 12 weeks.
6 January.
For more information, call: 01923 335 371 or email: fundraising@peacehospicecare.org.uk

Fire Walk
Can you take the heat? Then Fire Walk for the Peace
15 February. West Herts Sports Club
For more information, call: 01923 335 373, or email: events@peacehospicecare.org.uk
ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

Celebrate Christmas 2019 with us

CHRISTMAS 2019 SERVICES AT ANGLICAN CHURCHES,
PARISH OF ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD

All Saints Church
94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB
Contact: Revd Tim Warr, Team Rector
Tel: 020 8207 6603
e-mail: tim.warr@btinternet.com

Sunday 1 December: 11am, ‘Light up Advent’ Messy Church
2pm - 4.30pm, Town Council Christmas Concert
4.30pm, Christmas Lights Switch-on

Sunday 8 December: No service at All Saints:
Parish Communion at 10am at St Nicholas Church, High Street, Elstree

Sunday 22 December: 11am, Lessons, Carols and Communion
12.30pm, Shared lunch and Christingle making

Christmas Eve: 4pm, Crib and Christingle Service
11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 10am, Family Communion Service

Sunday 29 December: No service at St Michael’s
10am, Parish Communion at All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road.

Holy Cross Church
Balmoral Drive (corner of Warren Grove),
Borehamwood, WD6 2QU
Contact: Mrs Anne Smith, Churchwarden
Tel: 07903 276248
e-mail: nnaansaa@hotmail.com

Sunday 1 December: 4pm, Parish Advent Service at Holy Cross.

Sunday 8 December: No morning service at Holy Cross
Parish Communion at 10am at St Nicholas Church, High Street, Elstree
6.30pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 15 December: 9.30am, Holy Communion Service

Sunday 22 December: 9.30am, Christingle Service

Christmas Eve: No service at Holy Cross

Christmas Day: No service at Holy Cross

Sunday 29 December: No service at Holy Cross
10am, Parish Communion at St Michael’s

St Michael And All Angels’ Church
Brook Road (junction of Gateshead Road),
Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ
Contact: Revd Louise Collins, Team Vicar
Tel: 020 8953 2362
e-mail: louise.collins59@hotmail.com

Saturday 23 November: 10am - 1pm, Christmas Fair in Church Hall
Saturday 7 December: 10am - 12noon, ‘Wild @ St Michaels’
(for 6 - 12 year olds) in Church Hall
Christmas Crafts.
Places limited, booking essential (via Revd Louise Collins)

Sunday 8 December: No service at St Michael’s
Parish Communion at 10am at St Nicholas Church, High Street, Elstree

Sunday 15 December: 4pm, Traditional Carol Service

Sunday 22 December: 12noon - 12.45pm, Carols for Babies and Toddlers

Christmas Eve: 5pm, Christingle Service
11.30pm, Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 10am, Family Worship

Sunday 29 December: No service at St Nicholas
Parish Communion at 10am at All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road.

St Nicholas Church, Elstree
High Street (corner of St Nicholas Close), Elstree, WD6 3SW
Parking available at St Nicholas School at far end of St Nicholas Close
Contact: John Auton, Licensed Lay Minister
Tel: 07885 142217
e-mail: j1aut@btinternet.com

Sunday 8 December: 10am, Parish Communion Service for St Nicholas Day, followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 15 December: 9.30am, Communion by Extension
6.30pm, Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 22 December: 9.30am, Holy Communion Service

Christmas Eve: 4pm, Crib Service
11pm, Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: 10am, Family Communion Service

Sunday 29 December: No service at St Nicholas
Parish Communion at 10am at All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road.
Celebrating 20 years of Holby City in Elstree and Borehamwood

Come and join Holby City’s Dr Sacha Levy aka Bob Barrett

Switch on this year’s Christmas Lights

Sunday 1 December 2019
All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
2pm – 6pm
(Switch-on at 4.30pm)
Free Santa’s Grotto, Ice Rink and refreshments

Collections will be made for the 2019 Mayoral Charity
Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council

Christmas Market
Coach Trips

Are you over sixty years of age and a resident of Elstree and Borehamwood?

The Town Council is offering a chance to have a day out at a Christmas Market for £8.

Choose one of the following destinations and bring your proof of age and residence (driving licence or bus pass/passport and a utility bill) along to Fairway Hall, Brook Close, WD6 9BT


Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and are on sale from 9am to 12 noon from Monday to Friday - strictly one per person. Please bring correct change. Tickets are non-refundable.

The fully air-conditioned coaches leave Fairway Hall at 9am prompt and will depart the destination at 5pm for the return journey. You must be able to board the coach without too much difficulty and can bring a carer (who must also purchase a ticket).

Thursday 12 December
Winchester Christmas Market

Founded in 2006, the Christmas Market is inspired by traditional German Christmas markets and attracts more than 350,000 visitors each year. The pretty wooden chalets are situated in the Cathedral's historic Close surrounding our covered, rain-free real ice rink. All our exhibitors have been hand-picked for their interesting, high quality and unique products many of which can’t be bought on the high street.

Monday 16 December
Canterbury Christmas Market

Visit beautiful, historical Canterbury at Christmas featuring a Christmas market with 70+ huts and nearly 100 businesses. The market offers a colourful array of gifts and decorations as well as a fantastic selection of food and drink.
Christmas Concert
Monday
9 December 2019
Allum Hall, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ
8pm
(doors open at 7:30pm)
Tickets £8

Available from the Town Council offices,
Fairway Hall, Brook Close WD6 5BJ
(0208 207 1382)
Or
Online at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/ebtc

“Absolutely Brilliant – a brilliant start to Christmas”
“Loved it! Loved it!”
“Great show with an amazing programme”

“Excellent – really enjoyed it - what a night!”
“Lovely to get out and listen to real music at such a great price”
“Great mix of seasonal and music from the stage and screen”

Collecting for 2019
Mayoral Charity

Photo by Vince Rogers
The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
Creationtide Mission

“Harmony with Nature” was a motto of the Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood’s “Creationtide Mission” held during September.

Highlights included an evening’s bat-watching at the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust at Hilfield Reservoir; a World Environment Day with Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council featuring ponies from Cecil’s Horse Sanctuary in Elstree; a children’s “Wild @ St Michaels” morning and an open-air service in Aberford Park. There were also a Pet Service, Floristry Workshop, Birds and Bees Quiz Night and Songs of Praise.

Team Vicar from St Michael and All Angels, Revd Louise Collins, is taking school assemblies on the theme of “Our World Garden”, with pupils’ ideas on caring for the environment being sent to local and national government. The Revd Collins says, “I am amazed at the ingenious and practical solutions children offer when asked what more we can all do to care for the natural world, our ‘World Garden’.

St Michael and All Angels
Brook Rd (junction of Gateshead Road), Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ
Revd Louise Collins, 020 8953 2362, louise.collins59@hotmail.com

November 2019
Saturday 23 November - 10am - 1pm, Christmas Fair in St Michael’s Church Hall.
Monday 25 November - 7.30pm - 9pm, Elstree and Borehamwood Eco-Disciples presents: “Where the Wild Things Are” – a free illustrated talk by Claire Robinson from the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust.
All welcome. Held at the Meeting Room No. 1, 96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB. Plus refreshments and musical item.
Saturday 30 November - ‘Young Peoples Community Tree-Planting’ at Ripon Park, to take part contact Revd Louise Collins, 020 89532362 or louise.collins59@hotmail.com

The World Environment Day
The World Environment Event was held at All saints Church on Saturday 14 September from 11am to 4pm.

The Rev Louise Collins wanted one of the monthly All Saints Coffee mornings to raise awareness about the harm being done to the planet and how we can all help to make changes for the better.

The concert in the Church was well received with excellent performances from The Elstree Mozart Players, Acoustic Superstars, Paul Lomax, Strummers in the Woods, James Stowell and Rosemary Wiseman. Writers in the Woods read excerpts from books and poems. There were stalls in the church and in the piazza. The ponies for the kids were a great attraction. Thanks to the Town Council Staff for help with refreshments.
For years Elstree & Borehamwood rail users and Thameslink rail operators have recognised the need to redevelop the railway station to provide facilities finally fit for purpose, replacing the cramped booking hall with a modern station able to satisfy the need of over 3,300,000 annual users to travel in comfort and safety.

Last autumn £1.5 million was set aside for the purpose, with a pledge that artwork installed over the years by ‘First Impressions’ to celebrate the town’s unique film and TV heritage, plus seating and planters around the station, would be reinstated after construction.

Following a survey of rail user requirements and discussions with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council as well as with Hertsmere Borough Council, work was well underway by November 2018. Remarkably for a construction project of such complexity on such a small and busy site, work was completed on schedule by 1 April 2019, with the new coffee shop to be occupied in due course.

On 27 September the Mayors of Hertsmere and Elstree & Borehamwood joined Thameslink and Great Northern’s Managing Director Tom Moran and 40 representatives of the local community to open officially their improved railway station.

Mr. Moran unveiled a plaque with the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr. Rabbi Alan Plancey, and with Elstree & Borehamwood Town Mayor Cllr. Simon Rubner. Said Mr. Moran: “It’s fitting to have so many from the community here today with our staff; it reminds us how important this railway station is to the vitality of this area. This project has given the community the station they deserve.”

Town Mayor Cllr. Rubner, a daily Thameslink commuter, spoke from personal experience: “We were in dire need of a new station; the old building was shabby and gave a poor impression. It was overcrowded and commuters regularly queued on the platform to get out of the station. This modern-designed station is more suited to the needs of commuters; it is not only pleasant to use but also pleasant to look at.”
In a moving ceremony after the station had been officially opened, station staff stalwarts Rachel James and colleague ‘Siggy’ presented a second plaque to the family of Don O’Brien, who many residents will remember as their Station Master for over 20 years. Don passed away last year, and his plaque has been put up next to one of the new ticket office windows.

But this story continues. In May, recognising the disruption which resulted from the flawed introduction of a new timetable the previous year, GTR Thameslink announced it had created a new Passenger Benefit Fund. This funding adds further investment to respond to the specific priorities of users of each of its stations.

‘First Impressions’ spread the word about the new fund, and by the end of July over 130 people had suggested further changes which they felt would improve ‘the passenger experience’ at Elstree & Borehamwood. This very positive response was near the top of responses from almost 200 stations, a measure of just how serious our local residents are that their railway station should continue to improve.

GTR Thameslink is currently reviewing the funding bid from Elstree & Borehamwood with the Department for Transport and Network Rail. Full details will appear in the Spring edition of ‘Town Crier’.

Bob Redman
Thank you again so much for your generous support of the Foodbank. From April to October 2019 we fed 1596 people, 643 of whom were children, and were donated around 14.5 tonnes of food.

We held a number of very successful events in the last six months including four family lunches during the summer holidays. Families enjoyed lots of arts and crafts as well as a sports day, followed by a lovely home cooked meal. These events are for all the family and it is great to see all ages joining in. Anyone who is struggling to feed the family in the school holidays is welcome, so do get in touch. Our next session will be in the February half term. We would especially like to welcome new families.

A very successful monetary charity collection called Foodbank Friday was held at Kings Cross station on 27 September. A team of volunteers managed to collect over £800 within six hours. This will go towards buying food for our food packs. We’re always looking for volunteers to help with these one-off events. We especially welcome local businesses which would like to support small local charities, so if you work for an amazing company which would like to partner with us, please get in contact. We also held a “cooking with cans” lesson based on Jack Monroe’s cook book. Have a look at the, What’s On section for upcoming events at the Foodbank.

As the work of the Foodbank grows we require a greater range of skills to meet our needs.

Being a trustee is a responsible position but can bring great rewards in serving the community. There is a process to follow, interview - visit to the Foodbank - references and training. The time required can vary but we meet approximately every six weeks, usually on a Tuesday evening, and work in between on our various areas.

We are seeking trustees with particular skills as a fundraiser or secretary (minutes and AGM documents), or in making grant applications and accountancy.

If you might be interested to pursue this opportunity, please email us at info@borehamwood.foodbank.org.uk telling us a little about yourself and the role in which you would be interested. We will be in contact.

Kristan (Chair)

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and very happy and healthy start to 2020!

The Borehamwood Foodbank Team
Learn about your iPad or tablet

“Tea and Tablets” group sessions at Borehamwood Library. Every month on a Wednesday at 2.30pm - 4pm

Would you like to make the most of your iPad or tablet? Do you know a relative or friend who would?

Our fun, sociable and interactive sessions have helped many people just like you get more out of their iPads or tablets. Many keep coming every month as they feel there is always something else they can learn, plus they have made new friends here. Others have moved on to our one-to-one sessions that they never thought they would have been capable of a year ago!

You can learn about:

- Downloading apps
- Internet safety
- Online shopping
- Sending emails
- Managing photos
- Using Facebook
- Watching catch up TV
- Downloading e-books
- Listening to audiobooks,
- Reading online magazines

We can also answer most other individual questions you may have.

The sessions cost £3 per person which includes tea / coffee and biscuits. Places are limited so please pop into the library during opening hours (see box) to pay in advance and secure your place on the next session.

If you haven’t bought a tablet yet but are thinking about it, we have a couple which you can try at the session

We look forward to seeing you soon!

For more information and dates please contact 0300 123 4049.

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Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

Following on from our successful exhibition “Good Vibrations”, Saturday night 14 September at Maxwell Community Centre saw a goodly contingent of Museum Friends joined by original Lynx Club members and sixties music fans to celebrate the only club from those days still standing.

This was the ideal way to pay tribute to an important part of Borehamwood’s history when many a now-famous ‘star’ was learning how to attract a crowd. Everyone agreed it was such fun that we hope to run another reunion next year.

Elstree & Borehamwood Museum

Calling all Holby City fans

Our current exhibition is a joint venture with the BBC production team from Holby City to mark the 20th anniversary of this popular programme which is made at BBC Elstree Studios.

Our museum has been transformed into a small hospital operating theatre to illustrate all things Holby.

You can follow progress on our blog https://elstree-museum.org.uk/blog.php or, even better, come along. It opened on Saturday 25 October and will continue to mid April 2020. It is proving a big hit!

Come and visit us and rate our fab new exhibition on Trip Advisor. We are now the No.1 attraction in Borehamwood!
Silver Sunday

Silver Sunday is held on the first Sunday of October as a national celebration of older people and their contribution to communities through free activities.

The Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood offered a private screening of the Downton Abbey film, attended by over 100 residents of Hertsmere.

Sincere thanks go to:
- Hertsmere Borough Council, which provided a generous grant towards the cost;
- Morrisons local store which kindly provided refreshments for the audience;
- Asad, the Manager of the Reel Cinema, who had to open the cinema for us exclusively in the morning.

Wishing Well in 96

Supported by both Rotary clubs Elstree & Borehamwood and the Studios. Please give generously as money goes to Rotary good causes and is shared between the Clubs to support the community.

Many years ago George Male had the idea of building a Wishing Well for the Town. A group of lads from the youth club at St Teresa’s helped George. Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary club was later adopted and managed the money thrown into the Well. George was a prominent Rotarian. The Wishing Well that had been sited outside the Village Hall was demolished with the Village Hall to make room for a new Community Centre at 96.

In 2017-2018 Nick Male became president of EBRC and it was his wish that a new wishing well be bought to provide a legacy to his presidency and in memory of his Father. Nick raised some of the funds at the Hertsmere Acoustic Events he organises.

Cllr Caroline Clapper, Hertsmere’s Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Health, thanked the residents who attended the film screening and acknowledged that they are our “unsung heroes”. Club President, Clive Butchins, gave a warm welcome to the residents and gave a brief introduction to Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Elstree & Borehamwood meets weekly on Thursdays at the Waggon and Horses in Elstree. Visitors are most welcome.

Please call Clive on 07939 088421 or Cynthia on 07956 222422 or see elstreeandborehamwoodrotary.org for more information.

Rotary Disability Games Aspire

Stanmore Sunday 13 October

The 8th year of this event is sponsored by North London Rotary Clubs.

A range of activities is set up. Darts, bagatelle, bowls, new age kuring, table tennis, stickball, quoits and boccia were all on offer. The Studios Rotary Cub had responsibility for the boccia, the raffle and tombola. It was raising funds for WheelPower, the national charity for wheelchair sport.

It was a packed afternoon. The Visually Impaired Club won twelve medals overall. The medals were presented by past Town Mayor Cllr Victor Eni. Andrew Grady from Studios Rotary Club provided the sound system. It was a miserable day outside but lovely and warm in the Leisure Centre.
“Please choose a book, enjoy your read and swap for another”

The Rotary Club of The Studios of Elstree and Borehamwood, working in conjunction with GTR Thameslink and First Impressions, had the idea to promote reading in the community, by organising a Book Swap scheme at Elstree and Borehamwood railway station. This is in line with one of the core goals of the International Rotary Club to promote literacy around the world.

The Book Swap was the idea of Rotarian Irmine Mason, who said, “I have often seen similar schemes working in France as well as some rail and tube stations and other public places in the UK. Reading plays a huge part in opening one’s mind to different experiences, beliefs and cultures as well as encouraging people to use their imagination to travel in space and time.”

Irmine has been working with fellow Rotarian Helen Stammers, Chair of the Community and Vocational Committee, to plan the project, raise the funds, source and order the equipment, collect the books, organise the launch and ensure the scheme runs smoothly in the future. “I joined Rotary for the opportunity to work for the good of our community,” said Helen. “I could see it was a catalyst for proposals such as this to develop from an idea to a working project. The Book Swap has been a lot of work but absolutely worthwhile for the end result of seeing people happily choosing a free book from the shelf. Their positive response made me proud to have worked with Irmine to make her idea a reality.”

Once a project plan was produced, past President, Sandra Parnell, and Club Secretary, Pat Strack, supported us fully and have continued this support throughout. Sandra said she was delighted to join club members at this launch of the Book Swap, stating “Irmine and Helen brought this plan to the table when I was President and we all agreed it to be a great idea.”

We were honoured to have our Town Mayor, Cllr. Simon Rubner, officially launch the scheme on Saturday 7 September 2019. Cllr. Rubner, a daily commuter himself, had seen similar schemes successfully running around the world and was very pleased to have one starting here in Elstree and Borehamwood.

The Book Swap offers a selection of books for people to borrow from the shelf, read on their journey and return to swap for another. This encourages people passing through our railway station, bus passengers and all other members of the public, to enjoy a good book, free of charge. We will be providing a selection of books on the main shelf in the ticket hall and, in due course, more books in the waiting room on Platform 1.

To maintain our stock, we welcome donations of unwanted books in good condition (preferably novels plus children’s reading and picture books). The initial stock, of over 500 books for the launch, was from friends and fellow Rotarians. A special thank you to Ann Goddard who gave us a huge selection. To ensure the scheme has a constant turnover of books we need to keep collecting. We have bought four book donation boxes located at:

- Elstree and Borehamwood railway station - next to the ticket hall bookshelf;
- 96 Shenley Road - at the far end of the café area;
- Morrisons, Stirling Corner - by the checkout tills;
- Fairway Hall - in the reception area.

Kindly allowing us space for these boxes were Peter Windsor, Manager at 96, Angela Gaskin, Community Outreach Champion at Morrisons and Huw Jones, Town Clerk at Fairway Hall. These locations are ideal for members of the public to use to donate their unwanted books and we thank them all for readily agreeing to support our scheme in this way.
Rotary Party

Nick Male’s party, the Studios Rotary Club President, at St Teresa’s on 14th September was a great success. Nearly 60 members and friends came along to enjoy the fish and chip supper.

It was a very mixed evening: a quick game of bingo to let supper go down, then Mark Meighan’s quiz got the brain cells working. Sarah Donnelly warmed us up with exercises and party dances. James Stowell played a variety of 60’s music from the Mersey sound. He entertained us for the rest of the evening.

We celebrated Florrie Cowley’s 99th birthday. Our visitor from France showed us a clean pair of heels.

Nick Male showed us he could still boogy. Next year Strictly Come Dancing must be his aim. Perhaps we can enter a Studios Rotary team.

£300 was raised for Rotary charities. Well done everyone. Thank you to Rotarians and friends who helped make it a success.

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Maxwell Park Community Centre

At Allum Manor House & Hall we have the answer to all your events large & small.

The Manor House has rooms to accommodate 2 to 40 people. Allum Manor Hall can seat up to 470 guests. From meetings to celebrations we are the perfect venue!

Whatever your event we can help! We provide the venue and you create your occasion. We look forward to helping you create memories. For more information call 020 8953 3415.

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An Evening Out In The Afternoon

In Concert with Families, Friends and Carers

We Support Our Seniors, the Lonely and the Isolated and Everyone Who enjoys Music-based Events

We are here for YOU—Every Weekend

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

Location: Maxwell Park Community Centre
Maxwell Road, Borehamwood WD6 1JJ

- From 2:45pm to 5pm
- Different Live Entertainer - Every Week
- Music-Based Quizzes
- Simple Games and Singalongs
- Snacks, Sweets and Cold Drinks
- Tea, Coffee and Cakes
- A Complimentary Sherry on Arrival
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The Friends Celebrating 10 Years of Fun & Games Every Weekend

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Maxwell Park Community Centre

Affordable, bright spacious hall seating up to 180, meeting rooms and mirrored dance studio are available for hire with use of kitchen and car park.

Regular activities include: Bar K Line Dancing, Beezee Families, B’Nai Maccabim Synagogue, Clarion Job Club, Cocaine Anonymous, Digital Hub (FREE Internet Access and Tuition), DrugFam, E&BW Table Tennis (Juniors & Seniors), Fifty Plus (Art, Bowls, Bridge, Table Tennis), Fit Club, Friends of Care Homes, Guideposts, Guitar Club, Hartbeeps, HAFLS (Adult Learning Courses), K’s School of Dance, Keep Fit, Kraz Maga, Mencap (Music & Movement, Drama), MFMM Church, MoveDanceSweat, Music Tuition, Shogun Karate, Studio Quilters, Sundance Line Dancing, Tap Dancing, Tinnitus Support, U3A Card Games, U3A Ukulele Group, Visually Impaired Club, We Move She Moves (Pound, Golden Dance Fit, Pilates), Yoga (Dynamic & Pregnancy)

There’s something for everyone!

See website for details - www.maxwellpcc.org

For private or regular hire please call: 020 8953 4295 or email info@maxwellpcc.org
**What's on**

### Clubs & Groups

**Borehamwood & District Woodturning Club**
Third Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm - 10pm
Arkley Village Hall.
Come along and have a go.
Tel: 07971 877758 or 020 8953 0991
northlondonwoodturners.co.uk.

**Borehamwood Women’s Institute**
Second Monday of the month, 2pm - 4pm
The Manor House, room 2, Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3PJ.

**Drop-In**
Tuesdays, 9.30am - 12noon
Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT.

**DR96 Over 60s Club**
Wednesdays, 10am - 12noon
96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB.
New members welcome.

**Elstree and Borehamwood Dementia Club**
Tuesdays, 2pm - 4pm
Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood WD6 5BT.

**Friends of Care Homes**
‘An Evening Out in the Afternoon’
Weekly Sundays, 2.45pm - 5pm
Tel: 01923 289890

**Live Well**
Friendly 50+ social group.
Every Monday 1pm - 3pm
Farriers Way Community Hall, 27 Farriers Way, Borehamwood, WD6 2TB.
Everyone is welcome.
Tel: 07955 403 746
email: livewell@groupmal.com
Free taster session. £5 annual membership fee and £2 weekly subscription.

**Monday Club**
Once a fortnight from 10 am to 12pm
Hall behind Holy Cross Church, Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QU.
New members welcome a friendly atmosphere awaits.
Contact Sandra_parnell@sky.com.

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**Tuesday 19 November**
U3A Talk “The Palace of Knightsbridge - Harrods” by Richard Furnival-Jones
St Teresa’s Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG. 10.30am
Arrive at 10am for a coffee and chat. £2.

**Saturday 23 November**
Stand Up Comedy
96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB
8pm. £10.

**Sunday 8 December**
Bangers and Clash Live Pro Wrestling
96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB
Doors open at 3pm. £8.

**Saturday 14 December**
Stand Up Comedy
96 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB
8pm. £10.

**Tuesday 17 December**
“New Year and its Celebrations” by Colin Oakes
St Teresa’s Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG. 10.30am
Come along for a pre-Christmas get-together and enjoy free mince pies and biscuits, tea and coffee. (NB there is no organised pub lunch after this meeting)
Arrive at 10am for a coffee and chat. £2.

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**Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 January 2020**
EBLOS - Dick Whittington
St. Michaels Church Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ
Saturday 7pm. Sunday 3pm.
Adults £8, under 16 £5, under 2 FREE.
For more information call Marianne on 07888 741208 or Janet 07739 699774.

**Tuesday 21 January 2020**
“30 Years as a TV Quizzer” by James Higgs
St Teresa’s Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG
10.30am
Arrive at 10am for a coffee and chat. £2.

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**Join Councillor Simon Rubner, Town Mayor, in support of his nominated charity Peace Hospice Care for a festive Chanukah candle lighting, refreshments, kids corner and raffle on 23 December.**
Fairway Hall, Borehamwood WD6 5BT from 7.30pm (candle lighting at 8pm). Free parking.
Suggested donation £5 per adult or £15 per family of 2 adults and 1+ children. All of the proceeds from this event will benefit local residents with life limiting illnesses and their families, helping Peace Hospice Care continue with their vital work for our community.

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**HOLBY CITY AT 20:**
Go behind the surgical mask
Come and visit our realistic operating theatre set, get up close with a myriad of weird and wonderful prosthetics, costumes, behind the scenes photos, props and exclusive video clips and find out what goes in to making up the world of Holby City as it celebrates its 20th Birthday!

See the exhibition at Elstree and Borehamwood Museum, 96 Shenley Road (2nd floor)
26th October 2019 to 25th April 2020
Admission Free | Opening hours: Tues – Thurs 12-6pm | Sat 10am–3pm
UNITY IN DIVERSITY

From it’s opening by Father Dominic McKenna, to its closure by Boreham Wood Community Choir, this year’s Diversity Festival was a truly local event, with a window onto the wider world.

A panel on invited guest speakers discussed the whole notion of celebrating diversity in a multi-cultural community.

A fashion show cast a spotlight on the vibrant colours of Africa, while the sounds of the sub-continent were brought to us by a Bollywood Rapper.

Sheri Ladies Choir gave us Jewish harmonies saturday night and much more, while animated band Soul Jump ricked a packed Fairway Hall.

The Junk Orchestra Band involved us in making percussive music together and we thrilled to the sounds of local solo singers Kelly Eretz and Christiana Ayo.

Local artists had the opportunity to show their Art.

A team of 10 local young people volunteered throughout the weekend.

Ishreen Bradley gave a fascinating presentation on inclusion in the workplace.

Festival founder Councillor Victor Eni, himself originally from Nigeria, said: “What a great weekend! Just what I hoped for when my wife and I conceived the concept during my Mayoral Year: The very diverse communities in our town meeting in one place.

Now let us look forward to next year’s event, as we go forward together, always striving toward diversity.

Thanks go to all who participated.

Interculturalbe@gmail.com

Martine H Eni
Visually Impaired Club

Visually Impaired Club River Trip
The Visually impaired Club members enjoyed a trip on the River Lea organised by Sasha Capocci. Fish and chips were ordered for lunch. Marijke Turner said “it was a lovely afternoon for all of us.”

Celebrating 100 years young
Edith Oakley Visually impaired Club member celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at Maxwell Community Centre. Sasha Capocci supplied a wonderful spread for all the party goers at the afternoon club. Edith was thrilled and enjoyed every minute.

Thank you for the grant of £300 from Hertsmere Borough Council for the Older Folks week.

Aberford Community Bowling Green
Borehamwood

GIVE BOWLS A GO
Bowls is a great, fun, social and relaxing sport...

Grab your family, your friends and get on the green.

These are public facilities; everyone is welcome to play and we are able to provide all the equipment you need.

Prices
£3.50 per hour per person

Booking Essential:
Call 020 3559 3559, visit communities1st.org.uk/aberfordbowls or pop into the Community Shop in Leeming Road for more information.

Social Coffee Morning

Come and join us at
Forest Care Village
10 - 20 Cardinal Avenue
Borehamwood, WD6 1EP

Every Tuesday
10am - 12pm

Tea, coffee and biscuits free of charge

All welcome
Meet new people and make new friends

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for Elstree and Borehamwood

PUBLIC MEETING
Open to press and public

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at Fairway Hall, WD6 5BT

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Elstree and Borehamwood
Basketball Club at
Hertswood Academy

The Club opened at Hertswood Academy on Thursday 3 October, thanks to a start up grant from Hertfordshire County Councillors Morris Bright, Susan Brown, Caroline Clapper and Alan Plancey.

The Club used to meet at the Hertswood Sports Centre until the building was demolished to make way for the new school building.

For membership enquiries and more information contact Matt Rutherford. Elstree and Borehamwood Basketball Club (EBBC) will meet every Thursday at Hertswood Academy at 8.30pm until 10.15pm. It is open to anyone in the community (or known friends), male and female, from the age of 15 years and up. We meet to train for fitness and general gameplay. Players who attend each Thursday evening are required to pay £5 for each session attended.

For more information please contact www.matthewrutherford.com, 07970 042040 or mattrutherford74@gmail.com

Matthew Rutherford

Hertfordshire Constabulary Head of Department Award

Local resident Richard Jarvis was honoured to receive the Hertfordshire Constabulary Head of Department Award. The Award was presented at a county level meeting that was being held at St Albans Fire Station in August of this year.

It was presented by Inspector Chris Treadwell of the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Police Headquarters at Welwyn Garden City. Mr Jarvis said “I wasn’t expecting it, it was totally out of the blue”.

Mr Jarvis was awarded it for his continued work with the HertsWatch Committee and being the Hertsmere Neighbourhood Watch district co-ordinator.

Dan Salter

COMING SOON TO THE VENUE...

We are having an exciting development programme at The Venue which will provide new and improved facilities for everyone to enjoy.

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- Changing Room & Studio REFRESH

Join on a fitness membership before 30.11.19 and pay NO JOINING FEE* . Quote Town Crier.

The Venue
Leisure Centre
T: 020 8386 9886
thevenueleisurecentre.co.uk

*T&Cs apply. **No joining fee applies to a 12 month direct debit or annual agreement joining before 30.11.19. T&Cs apply.
New tree planted

Extinction Rebellion gave each MP a tree to plant during its protests on October 10 to help offset the carbon footprint.

There was a need to ensure that the tree, an oak, was planted quickly and not allowed to die. Oliver Dowden asked to plant the tree on Woodcock Hill. It was very last minute and we were grateful that Town Council staff volunteered to help prepare the hole and take photos. The tree was planted on 11 October. The oak sapling has pride of place on Woodcock Hill.

Nick Male, president of the Studios Rotary Club, was invited to take part as the Studios Rotary Club is already involved in a Rotary project: ‘Trees for Peace’. Studios Rotary Club will be provided with 525 native species saplings from the Woodland Trust.

On Mitzvah Day 17 November the saplings will be planted on the Hill and in the town as part of the London Rotary District Governor’s pledge to plant Trees for Peace. This is part of the Commonwealth Project. Tony Sharma, London District Governor, has one thousand trees to be planted in North London Rotary District.

300 trees will be planted on Town Council allotments. These will be particularly welcome at Melrose Avenue allotments, where some willows will be planted to help with the problem of flooding.

Volunteers, local dignitaries, the Town Mayor, Oliver Dowden MP, and officers from London District Rotary, Studios Rotary Club members and Woodcock Hill Village Green volunteers will plant the rest of the trees on Woodcock Hill, mainly on the bunds and as a hedgerow along Byron Avenue. As ever, Alex Melson will organise the event. Refreshments will be available.

In 2012 Town Youth Councillors, Town Council staff and Town Councillors planted native species on our Allum Lane allotment as part of the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations. Pride of place was taken by a Royal Oak from the Queen’s Estates.

Woodcock Hill Village Green

The AGM was held on Monday 23 September.

The chair reported a successful year, with working parties clearing vegetation and litter, planting the ponds and willows. Special events were the 11 November Beacon Lighting, remembering the fallen of WW1 with "The Battle’s Over". In October local dignitaries planted trees provided by the Woodland Trust as part of the Queen’s Canopy Project, Local school children planted crocus corms.

The main cause for concern was the draft Hertsmere Local Plan, where five sites have been identified by developers as suitable to provide land for 500 homes in the Green Belt to the north of Barnet Lane. These sites are also in a Wildlife Conservation Area.

Then a further proposal was put forward to build 105 homes on the Village Green. This is not only Green Belt but protected from development by law. An estate of 277 homes is in the course of being built between the railway and Byron Avenue.

It was agreed that development of any of these proposals would put great strain on the already overloaded infrastructure, increase air and noise pollution and cause stress to the community. Hertsmere Borough Council officers and councillors will make the decision in spring 2020. More consultations will take place then. To fulfil the quota of homes demanded, inevitably some sites in the Green Belt will be built on. It was agreed that residents would work together to keep neighbours and families informed and ensure views were known, with responses to planners and councillors. It was further agreed to work to increase the membership of the group and awareness of the issues.

If you are interested in joining please contact pat.strack@ntlworld.com or www.woodcockhill.org.uk.
“Who do I talk to about........?”

With three tiers of local government in Hertfordshire, it can be confusing knowing which authority to contact about a particular service or issue.

Here is a brief list of key functions covered by each council to help untangle the web and to show who does what in your area.

**Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council** is responsible for:
- The office of the Town Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Mayoral engagements
- The management of the three allotment sites at Melrose Avenue, Allum Lane and Stapleton Gardens
- Support of the town twinning with Forstenay-Roses and Offenburg
- A programme of entertainment and events throughout the year such as the two week Summer Festival (including the Civic Parade and Families Day), Guy Fawkes Night Fireworks, Christmas Lights Switch-on and musical concerts (including the BBC Band and local bands)
- Coach outings for residents over 60 years of age
- The award of grants to local groups and charities and honorary titles to local champions
- The free quarterly magazine “Town Crier”
- Street seating, some notice boards and church clocks
- Upkeep of closed churchyards (All Saints on Shenley Road and St Nicholas in Elstree)
- Upkeep of Elstree and Borehamwood war memorials
- Support for school swimming transport
- Youth Council
- Transport and Road Safety Forum
- Community Safety meetings

Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council is the council closest to the residents in the parish. The Town Council is here to be a voice for the residents by representing their views on issues affecting them. Call: 020 8207 1382 or visit www.elstreeborehamwood-tc.gov.uk

**Hertsmere Borough Council** is responsible for:
- The collection of council tax and business rates
- Kerbside waste and recycling collections, including fly tipping
- Benefits
- Community safety
- Elections
- Street cleaning
- Housing needs
- Local planning and building regulations
- Public car parks and controlled parking zones
- Licensing and environmental health
- Cemeteries
- Leisure services (operated by Hertsmere Leisure) including The Venue and all parks

Hertsmere Borough Council deals with issues covering the whole of Hertsmere and has a very regulatory remit. Call: 020 8207 2277 or visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk

**Hertfordshire County Council** is responsible for:
- Highways
- Education and libraries
- Social services
- Trading standards
- Public transport
- Bus passes and disabled parking permits
- Registrar of births, deaths and marriages
- Street lighting, pavements and cycle ways
- Adoption and fostering
- Fire and rescue services
- Recycling centres
- Footpaths and rights of way

Hertfordshire County Council is the top tier of local government and provides services on a county-wide basis. Call: 0300 123 4040 or visit www.hertsdirect.org

**Useful information**

Borehamwood Police Station
Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood WD6 1WA, 01707 356000

Barnet General Hospital
Wellhouse Lane, Barnet EN5 3DJ
020 3758 2000

Watford General Hospital
Vicarage Rd, Watford WD18 0HB
01923 244366

Fairbrook Medical Centre
4 Fairway Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1PR
020 8953 7666

Schopwick Surgery
Romeland, Elstree, WD6 3BJ
01707 356000

The Grove Medical Centre
Borehamwood Shopping Park, Borehamwood WD6 4PR, 020 3538 3959

Theobald Medical Centre
121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT
020 8953 3355

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121 Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PT
020 8953 3355

Citizens Advice Bureau
2 Allum Ln, Elstree, WD6 3PJ
0344 411 1444

**Meryfield Community Primary School**
Theobald St, Borehamwood WD6 4PA
020 8953 2106

**Parkside Community Primary School**
Aycliffe Rd, Borehamwood WD6 4EP
020 8387 3000

**Hertford Academy**
Cowley Hill, Borehamwood WD6 5LG
020 8238 7200

**Elstree University Technical College**
Studio Way, Borehamwood WD6 5NN
020 8386 6220

**St Nicholas Elstree Church of England Primary School**
St Nicholas Cl, Elstree, WD6 3EW
020 8953 3015

**Elstree & Borehamwood railway station**
Station Road, Borehamwood WD6 3LS
03450264700

**Borehamwood Library**
96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
0300 123 4049

**Elstree and Borehamwood Museum**
96 Shenley Rd, Borehamwood WD6 1EB
01442 454 888

**The Venue Leisure Centre**
Elstree Way, Borehamwood, WD6 1JY
020 8386 9886

**Summerswood Primary School**
Furzehill Rd, Borehamwood WD6 2DW
020 8953 3139

**Monksmead Primary School**
Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
020 8953 3328

**Kenilworth Primary School**
Kenilworth Dr, Borehamwood WD6 1QL
020 8953 3459

**Yavneh College**
Hillside Ave, Borehamwood WD6 1HL
020 8736 5580

**Saffron Green Primary School**
Nicol Way, Borehamwood WD6 2PP
020 8953 3801

**Cowley Hill Primary School**
Winstre Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5DP
020 8953 2218

**St Teresa’s Catholic Primary School**
Brook Rd, Borehamwood WD6 5HL
020 8953 3753

**Woodlands Primary School**
Alban Cres, Borehamwood WD6 5JF
020 8953 2717

Winter 2019 | Town Crier
2019/20 Mayor: Cllr Simon Rubner
2019/20 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Sandra Parnell

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council meetings

For a full list of our forthcoming meetings, please see the website.
All meetings now take place at Fairway Hall.

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